

**REGULAR MEETING
GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 12, 2009 – 3:00 P.M.
TRIBAL OFFICE BOARDROOM**

1. Chairperson Laurie Boivin called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m. Roll call was taken with a quorum present. MEMBERS PRESENT: Laurie Boivin, Ben Kaquatosh, Jeremy Weso, Kathy Kaquatosh. MEMBERS ABSENT: Susan Waukau (excused). Also present: Dan Maine, Julia McClean, Will Catalani, Carolyn Miller, Felecia Gatz, Joanne Eisfelder, Gail Swanke, John Wilhelmi, William Kussel and Linda Peters, recorder.

2. Moment of Silence. A moment of silence was observed.

3. Approval of Minutes dated December 11, 2008.

Motion # 9 needs to be reviewed for accuracy and will need to be clarified before the minutes are published. It was not a scheduled opinion but a court case.

Motion made by Jeremy Weso to approve the minutes dated December 11, 2008 with potential corrections. Second was by Kathy Kaquatosh. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 3 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 1 absent (Waukau).

4. Medicare Like Rates and Plan Design Strategies

Dan Maine, Julia McClean and Will Catalani presented to the Committee the Medicare Like Rate and Plan Design Strategies that will save the Tribe money. This will be accomplished by having tribal employees receive a voucher through Contract Health.

If the Tribe adopts this Plan, this would mean that insurance companies can not balance bill you for any services. The provider can only build you the same as Medicare and nothing additional. This Plan was also designed for steerage towards the Tribal Clinic which in turn will generate more revenue for the Tribe.

Mr. Maine informed the Committee that all entities will have workshop or informational seminars so that all entities/employees that are eligible for the health plan are aware of the changes and how this Plan will work.

Motion made by Ben Kaquatosh to recommend to the Legislature to approve the Medicare Like Rates and Plan Design Strategies with the effective start date of April 1, 2009. Second was by Kathy Kaquatosh. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 3 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 1 absent (Waukau).

5. Draft Ordinance ____ - Menominee Contractor Preference

The Committee did not receive their copies in time for the meeting. This item will be tabled until the next meeting.

Motion made by Jeremy Weso to table the Draft Ordinance ____ - Menominee Contractor Preference. Second was by Ben Kaquatosh. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 3 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 1 absent (Waukau).

6. Draft Ordinance ____ - Non Gaming Business Entity Charter

Rebecca Loudbear recommended that the Menominee Tribe obtain a copy of Ho Chunk Non Gaming Charter. John Wilhelmi will contact the Ho Chunk Nation (Winnebago, NE) to get a copy so that we can model and/or compare our draft against it. The committee will also submit any mark ups/comments to the Legal Department for input.

Motion made by Ben Kaquatosh to table item # 6 – Non Gaming Business Entity Charter until the regular meeting in April 2009. Second was by Ben Kaquatosh. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 3 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 1 absent (Waukau).

7. Amendment to Ordinance #82-10

The Menominee Tribal Legislature approved the amendments but wanted to add a penalty section. Human Resource, College of Menominee Nation, and MTE personnel have reviewed the ordinance and requested some different language is drafted in regards to the re-interviewing process, posting locations, consistent time frame for 1st and 2nd postings, orientation period fulfillments, education requirements, and distinguish between business and calendar days and the Appeals Board.

The Committee requested that all entities attend the next Committee meeting or send a memo stating their concerns and/or that they are in concert with the proposed changes.

Motion made by Ben Kaquatosh to table Ordinance #82-10 until the regular meeting in April, 2009. Second was by Kathy Kaquatosh. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 3 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 1 absent (Waukau).

8. Monthly Narratives

INSURANCE DEPARTMENT

The Committee noted that the Insurance Department is having difficulties in collecting the premium payments from various departments for their portion of the property insurance. The Committee felt that Mr. Maine should be able to bill internally to alleviate this problem.

Motion made by Kathy Kaquatosh to have the Insurance Manager include the Property Insurance information in his monthly report (which will include his aging receivables). Second was by Ben Kaquatosh. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 3 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 1 absent (Waukau).

Motion made by Kathy Kaquatosh to recommend to the Menominee Tribal Legislature that insurance internally bill and deduct premium reimbursements from departments for property insurance. Second was by Kathy Kaquatosh. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 3 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 1 absent (Waukau).

Motion made by Jeremy Weso to accept the monthly reports that were submitted for February 12, 2009 meeting. Second was by Ben Kaquatosh. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 3 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 1 absent (Waukau).

9. Other Business

The Committee would like to thank Laurie Boivin for her year of service as the Chairman of the Governmental Affairs Committee and requested that she serve again next year.

10. Adjournment

Motion made by Jeremy Weso to approve the minutes dated December 11, 2008. Second was by Jeremy Weso. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 3 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 1 absent (Waukau).

Meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Linda Peters, recorder
Chairman's Office